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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Strains of bacteria characterized by exhibiting: (a)
a 7 α -dehydroxylase activity of less than 50%, and (b) a
bile acid deconjugation activity of less than 50%, and
5 descendants, mutants and derivatives thereof preserving
activities (a) and (b); and a pharmaceutical composition
using one or more of such strains and use of same for
preventing and treating diseases associated with or caused
by an altered metabolism of bile acids.

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